3000 Consolidated “Budgeting System” policy:

Overview

The Colchester Board of Education expects that the Superintendent will work collaboratively with staff members to plan, program and budget annually for the district. This includes specifying measurable objectives, determining how to evaluate the programs in relation to these objectives, and formulating a budget that supports district goals.

Budget Planning & Prioritization

The Board shall oversee the preparation and approve an annual operating budget for the school district through its Superintendent that is consistent with provisions of state statutes and Town Charter. Before approving the Superintendent's proposed budget, the Board shall evaluate school programs in relation to the current and future needs of students and the community, establishing fiscal year budget priorities with consideration for programs and services essential to supporting the holistic educational development of every student. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Staffing and supplies to maintain or improve current programs
- Staffing and supplies to establish new programs
- Continued maintenance and updating of facilities
- New or modified state and/or federal mandates
- Changes to state and/or federal grants

Supplemental Appropriations

The Board may request supplemental appropriations from the Board of Finance for unforeseen circumstances. Prior to requesting such funds, the Board shall make every reasonable effort to live within the original appropriation.